



Welcome to Holy Rood

You are very welcome to our church and parish community. If you are new to Holy Rood, please introduce yourself to one of the clergy or welcomers.

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Sunday 27th September 2009
Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year



"He was not one of us". This was John's rationale for stopping the man casting out devils in Jesus' name. How often are we the same? Comfortable in the society of those who think, act, are like us; quick to condemn those who appear to be different. Yet the message in the scriptures today is consistent: God gives his gifts, his spirit, to whom he chooses. Who are we to discriminate?

Readings: Numbers 11:25-29. Psalm 18. James 5:1-6. Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-49. on pages 76 - 78 of the Parish Mass Book.

When Eldad and Medad began to prophesy, Joshua was outraged. Somehow, it seemed to him, that they were taking the spotlight, the special position of Moses. But Moses took a far more pragmatic view: "If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets". In the Gospel, Jesus takes up the same theme: "no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me". He goes on to warn those who are an obstacle to the faith of others. Sin is the obstacle to our own faith and it is better to "cut off" whatever gives us occasion to sin than to lose our place in the kingdom by holding on to it. St James takes the example of riches. If we place our values in worldly treasures, "comfort and luxury" rather than in God's kingdom, we have missed the point. Let us be quicker to shed all that keeps us from the kingdom and slower to question those, who may not be of our community, but are none the less speaking out in Jesus' name.

MASS TIMES

Sunday Sat. 7.00 p.m. (1st Mass of Sunday)
8.00 am; 9.30 am (Sung); 11.00 am (Family); 2.15 pm (Polish); 6.30 p.m.
Holydays 8.00 am, 12.00 noon and 7.30 p.m.
Weekdays 8.30 am & 12.00 noon Saturday 11.00 am
Watford General Hospital - No Mass until further notice
CONFESSIONS Saturday 11.30 am - 12.30 p.m.; 6.15 - 6.40 p.m.
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION Saturday 6.15 - 6.40 pm
BAPTISMS by appointment. WEDDINGS - 6 months notice required

HOSPITAL In the light of the Data Protection Act 1998 please indicate on entering hospital that your details may be passed to the R.C. Chaplain. *If you or a relative is admitted to hospital, contact the Chaplaincy team on 01727 897 254.*



Father, I come before you in Jesus' name. Open my heart to receive Your Word in all its fullness. Though you speak to me constantly in myriad ways. Teach me to perceive Your Voice. Teach me to lead a deep and thoughtful life. Teach my heart to love Your written Word as a way to draw closer to Your heart, to become Your friend.

Amen.

26th & 27th September 2009

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist	Offertory
Sat 7.00pm	C. Kent	R. Defriez	L. Joyce
8.00 am	R. McHugh J. Lankester	N. Dyckhoff	Coleman family
9.30 am	T. Sheridan F. Parslow	J. Dempsey	Di Maria family
11.00 am	M. Thurlow E. Pace	N. Dyckhoff, C. Maguire, D. Murphy	Maestas family
6.30 pm	K. Ambrose	W. Dopson	Garibaldi family

Cleaning Team: Team A. 3rd October

Sunday Coffee: Siobhan & Nick Next week: Tony & Cathy

Next week we celebrate the Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year